

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on p. 3 line 11 of the specification with the following corrected paragraph:

The carrier may be made from a material capable of bearing information, such as ~~alumina-~~aluminum. Such a material can withstand high temperatures experienced in ovens. The design will be varied according to the application in question.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on p. 4 line 17 of the specification with the following corrected paragraph:

A carrier 7 is mounted on the winding structure 1. The preferred material for the carrier 7 is metal, and preferably ~~alumina-~~aluminum. The carrier 7 comprises a planar main body portion, with a step formed at each end thereof in the region where the carrier 7 lies adjacent to the upper ring 2. The upper surface of each stepped portion 9 has a tab 14 extending therefrom, cut from the carrier 7. These protruding tabs 14 can be used to hold column extensions. These extensions could be a bundle of windings of column from 1 to 15 meters in length. The stepped portions 9 each have an aperture 8 formed therein. These apertures are designed in such a way that the semicircular portion 5 of a connecting wire 4 can be accommodated therein, as shown particularly in enlarged Figure 3. The semicircular portion 5 of the connection wires 4 at opposite sides of the winding structure 1 serve to clamp the carrier 7 to the upper ring 2 by the action of the semicircular portion 5 passing through the apertures 8.